

## **News**

A special Open Door Forum on the Nursing Home Pay for Performance Demonstration will be held on September 20, 2005 at 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Eastern Daylight Time).

## **Background**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has various initiatives to encourage improved quality of care for Medicare beneficiaries. Recently CMS has begun to develop an initiative called Nursing Home Pay for Performance. Under this initiative, financial incentives would be provided to nursing homes that meet certain standards for providing high quality care. At this special Open Door Forum, our design contractor, Abt Associates, will present their recommendations to CMS regarding a draft design for a nursing home pay for performance demonstration. CMS is interested in holding this session to gather your input related to this demonstration project initiative. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions about, or make suggestions related to, the Abt demonstration design recommendations, offer their ideas related to quality measures and payment incentives in the nursing home setting, or ask CMS to consider other issues relative to the demonstration project.

The overview of the draft design includes:

- Demonstration design
- Potential performance measures
  - Outcomes from state survey inspections
  - Resident outcomes (MDS-based quality measures)
  - Facility staffing
  - Incidence of potentially avoidable hospitalizations
  - Other
- Determining a “bonus” payment
  - Payment weights
  - Determining the specific payment amount

## **Presentation**

(See downloads area below for more information: Presentation Handout)